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SUBJECT: ZARDARI PROMISES TO SEND AN ISI DIRECTOR TO INDIA

REF: ISLAMABAD 3718

Classified By: Anne W. Patterson, for reasons 1.4 (b)(d)

[1](#)1. (S) Summary. Pakistani leaders and media remained defensive November 30 about accusations of Pakistani involvement in the Mumbai attacks

[1](#)2. (C) All press highlighted remarks by an unidentified senior defense official who noted that India had put its Air Force on high alert and

[1](#)3. (C) President Zardari held a long cabinet meeting November 29 to discuss reactions to the Mumbai attacks. Zardari later told the press "w

[1](#)4. (C) Following the cabinet meeting, FM Qureshi, NSA Durrani and Interior Minister Malik held a press conference. Qureshi is quoted as sayi

THREATS TO PULL OUT OF FATA

[1](#)5. (C) All media November 30 carried comments by an unnamed senior defense official that Pakistan would consider moving its troops on the we

ISI, BUT NOT PASHA, WILL VISIT INDIA

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[1](#)6. (C) Charge and Acting RAO met November 29 with Chief of Army Staff General Kayani and ISI Director MG Pasha. It was clear that Kayani or

[1](#)7. (C) Kayani was critical of what he considered India's rush to judgment about the details of the case and said that, as a former intellige

[1](#)8. (S) On the various claims that were made by the Indians, Pasha noted that the reports of the two "Pakistani" trawlers that were said to b

[1](#)9. (C) Kayani noted that the Indians appear to have put their Air Force on alert and armed some of their missiles. He made clear that Pakist

[1](#)10. (C) Both Zardari and Qureshi emphasized in public remarks November 29 that Pakistan would send an ISI representative to India, but indic

POLITICAL REACTION

[1](#)11. (C) On November 27 and 28, the government was criticized by opposition parties, including Nawaz Sharif's Pakistan Muslim League-N (PML-

[1](#)11. (C) Following the cabinet meeting, PM Gilani made calls to virtually all the coalition and opposition political party

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leaders, including Nawaz and Shahbaz Sharif, PML President Chaudhry Shujaat, Muttahida Quami Movement leader Altaf Hussain, Jamiat Ulema-e-Isl

DIALOGUE SUSPENDED

[1](#)12. (SBU) Press reports indicate that the Joint Commission on the Environment scheduled for early December has been called off by the India

DENIALS ABOUND

[1](#)13. (C) Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) has publicly denied involvement in the attack, as has the Tehreek-e-Taliban (TTP). TTP deputy chief Maulana

[1](#)14. (S) Comment: It appears that PM Gilani mistakenly spoke too soon when he told, or was quoted as telling, the media that he was sending

